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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Holg

Holger BIRK et al.

Title:

LASER ILLUMINATOR AND

METHOD

Appl. No.:

09/881,212

Filing Date:

06/15/2001

Examiner:

NEGRON, ISMAEL

Art Unit:

2875

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- [] Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity statement previously submitted.
- [] Small Entity statement is enclosed.
- [X] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended		Previously Paid For	-	Extra Claims Presen		Rate		Additional Claims Fee
Total Claims:	24		23	=	1	×	\$18.00	=	\$18.00
Independents:	4	_	3	=	1	×	\$84.00	=	\$84.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims: + \$280.00 CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:						=	\$0.00		
						=	\$102.00		

^[] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

[]	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$110.00	\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$400.00	\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$920.00	\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,440.00	\$0.00
f 1	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$1,960.00	\$0.00
	EXTENSION	\$0.00	
	CLAIMS AND EXTENSION	\$102.00	
[]	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract	½ of above):	\$0.00
. ,		TOTAL FEE:	\$102.00

- Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$102.00. A [] duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$102.00 is enclosed. [X]
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may [X] be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, postdated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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TECHNOLOGY CENTER 280'

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 1, 2002, please consider the following remarks and amend the above-captioned application as follows.

In the Title:

✓ Please replace the title with "LASER ILLUMINATOR AND METHOD".

In the Abstract:

✓ A new Abstract is attached to replace the previously submitted Abstract. A
marked up version showing the changes in the Abstract is also attached

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 11, delete the paragraph starting at line 21-30 in its entirety, and substitute the following paragraph in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121. A marked up version showing the changes in the specification is attached.

Fig. 3 represents, as an example, the use of an instrument according to the invention in a confocal scanning microscope 69. The illumination light beam 29 coming

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